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## INFORMATION ON WILDLIFE IN TANZANIA

### Wildlife for all Tanzanians: Stopping the loss, nurturing the resource and widening the benefits

## ABOUT THESE BRIEFS

### Why wildlife?

Wildlife is one of Tanzania's most important natural resources. By providing the basis for the country's tourism industry, wildlife is of major national economic importance. Although the country has made substantial investments in conserving and managing wildlife, wildlife is in long-term decline across the country as data in these briefs clearly show. Some of the local declines are to be expected – particularly as the number of people in Tanzania has quadrupled since independence – and as more land is needed for farming and other uses. Yet many people are concerned that the decline in wildlife is fundamentally linked with shortfalls in how the wildlife sector is structured and governed. These shortfalls have led to the under-realisation and inefficient distribution of economic benefits for national and local development, lack of re-investment in wildlife, conflicts between local livelihoods and conservation policy and consequently declining wildlife populations.

These policy briefs endeavour to provide constructive and useful recommendations on how the impressive investment by the Tanzanian government and people in wildlife conservation can be transformed for sustainable, equitable and beneficial outcomes. How can wildlife better benefit all Tanzanians, and particularly rural Tanzanians on whose land the future of Tanzania's wildlife rests?

### Who are these briefs for?

These briefs have been developed as a resource for

policy makers and the general public wanting access to independent information on the Wildlife Sector. These briefs provide information, data, and analysis about the trends of Tanzania's wildlife populations, causes of those trends, and various links between national economic growth, poverty reduction, and wildlife management. The aim is for the information in these briefs to encourage more informed public debate about the policies and practices governing wildlife management in Tanzania.

### Are these briefs balanced and fair?

Every effort has been made to develop a balanced and fair analysis of issues based on the best data and information available. The hunting and photographic tourism private sector, civil society (community-based organisations, local NGOs and international NGOs), government (the Wildlife Division) and independent experts have all been consulted in the development of these briefs. Every effort has been made not to promote the interests of any party over another – everyone has a role to play in managing and benefiting from wildlife in Tanzania!

### Getting the most out of these briefs

A summary overview at the beginning of these briefs provides key information and policy recommendations at a glance. Thereafter the briefs are organised thematically in a logical sequence and cover key areas of the wildlife sector. A list of sources and further reading is provided at the end.

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